

ABSTRACT

HA-524

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 38(40)

1766 (reset 1902)

New Park, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 38(40), an original of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 38th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. This milestone, as with all original West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post, quarried and carved in England, originally with a low pyramidal top and measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. at the time of the Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, Reset in 1902 to stand about 1½' high, it is now in deteriorated condition though unaltered, and remains roughly at this same height, although there is some question as to whether or not it was reset at the time of widening of the Carea Road/LR-66071. The capital letters P on the north side (facing Pennsylvania) and M on the south (Maryland) side are barely discernible; some fluting remains on all four sides but no margins; and the top is no longer pyramidal, from chipping along all edges and top corners, especially with a large chunk out of the top southeast corner, and severe weathering along with liberal splashing of whitewash over the entire stone. On the federal and state levels, No. 38(40) is primarily significant as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along the West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, it is also significant as one of 17 original monuments remaining along the present Harford/York county boundary (3 crownstones, 14 milestones), and amongst the diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 38th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 38 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 40)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER southeast corner of junction of Salt Lake Road/T-580 with Carea Road/LR-66071

CITY, TOWN

New Park

☒

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Harford / PA: York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS N/A

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ ACCESSIBLE☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Harford County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

HA-524 entered c. 1970

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

? ☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 38(40) marks Mason and Dixon's 38th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1766, unaltered but in deteriorated condition, and is probably at its original site but may have been slightly relocated at the time Carea Road was widened (a local rumor yet to be verified in Phase II of the Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker project).

The topography in this area is gently rolling, mostly open farmland, interspersed with patches of deciduous woods, and is sparsely settled. The site is within Harford County's Election District 4, York County's Fawn Grove Township; about 1 mile due south of the village of New Park, Pennsylvania; about 1½ miles due north of the scattered crossroads settlement of Carea, Maryland; in a mowed bank about 2' above road grade level, about 6' from the road edge, at the southeast corner formed by the junction of Salt Lake Road/PA T-580 with Carea Road/LR-66071. It is surrounded by bushes and planting, and a spate of county and roads signs in the front yard of 5241 Carea Road, comparatively protected, and visible from both roads, all seasons.

The monument is an embellished oolitic limestone post, originally with a low pyramidal top now formless; originally quarried and carved in England, measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. It was reset in 1902 ^{to stand about 1½' high,} during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and remains roughly this high to date. But it has been badly chipped along the edges and top corners and unusually weathered, all surfaces, especially the top, now pitted, chipped and lumpy. Both capital letters P on the north (Pennsylvania) side and M on the south (Maryland) side have been damaged and are very indistinct, and the whole stone has been whitewashed. Most fluting is still discernible, but all margins are gone.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902, moved since then?) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

defaced but unaltered,
Milestone No. 38(40), an original of 1766, is significant on the federal and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their 230.228-mile West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monument set the following year, where it was reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. (Whether it remains at its original site or was moved to a nearby site recently has not yet been verified.) Locally, as one of 17 original monuments remaining along the present Harford/York county boundary (3 crown-stones, 14 milestones), No. 38(40) is also significant as among the diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acrequadrangle name: Norrisville (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,
scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 37102, northing 439766

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Harford

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY (also see form prepared by Jean Ewing c. 1970)

NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

(site surveyed
2/21/80 with Jean Ewing)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1305244234 HA 524

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Mason-Dixon Marker #38
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Caree Road about 1.2 mi north			
CITY OR TOWN: of Md 136			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	State Line Marker

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: U.S. Geologic Survey See HA # 350			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE 008	STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT			
STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.			
CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR	STATE MARYLAND	CODE	COUNTY:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.75 ac

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

State Boundary marker ~~set~~ re-set
by State Roads Commission as road
widened.

~~Marker~~

In very poor condition

Needs protection from
further weathering

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐lasaphy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐*State marker
of boundary line*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

A one-mile marker, deteriorated so that the M or P on which the respective sides of Maryland and Pennsylvania are almost illegible.

See HA 350

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE: MARYLAND	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 38 (40)

NORRISVILLE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1957 PHOTO REV. 1974

SCALE: 1" = 2000

5163 IV SW (AIRVILLE)



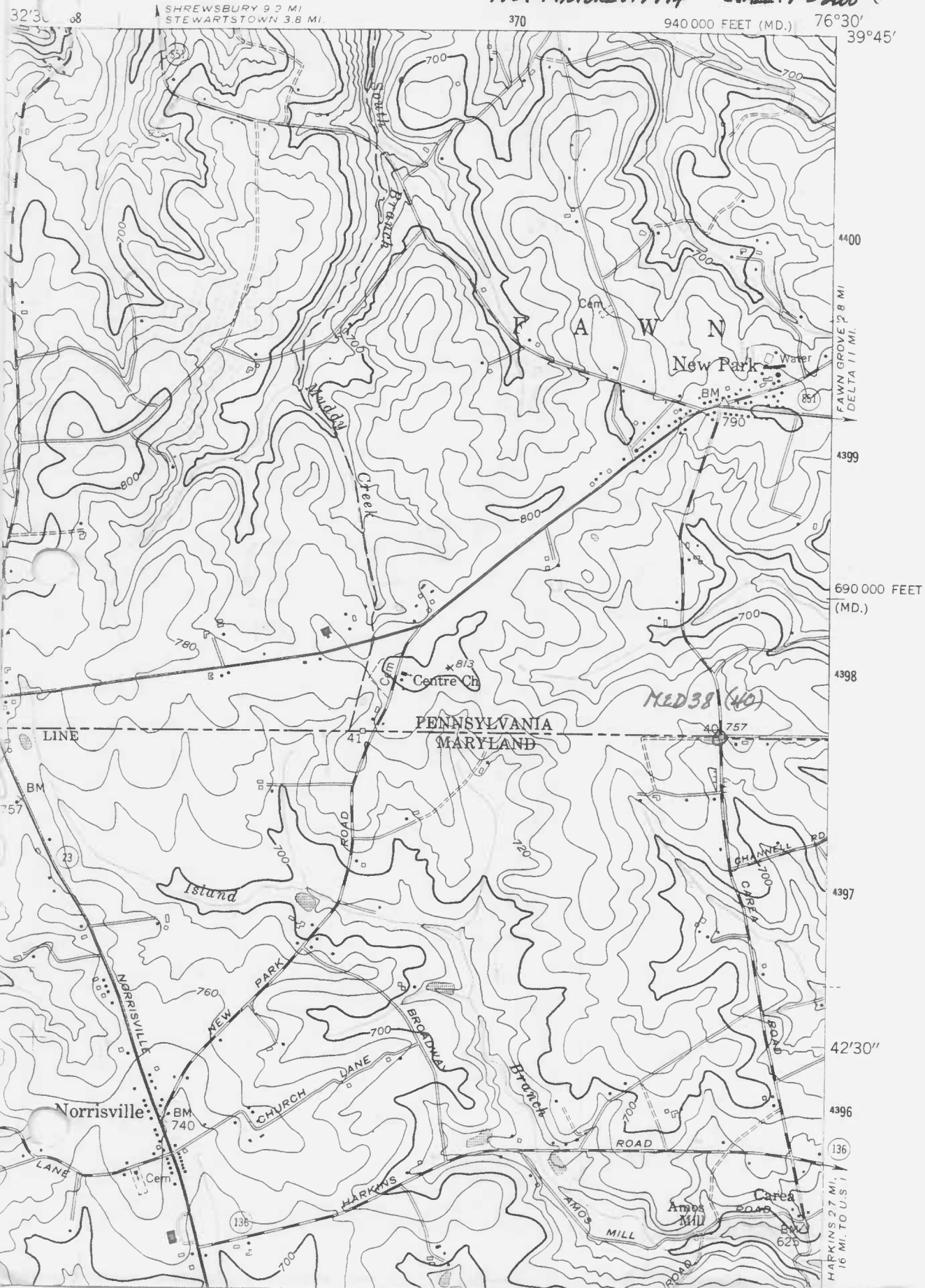
SHREWSBURY 9.2 MI
STEWARTSTOWN 3.8 MI

370

940 000 FEET (MD.)

76°30'

39°45'





MHT

MHT-HSI: HA-524

Mason = Dixon west line stone #38(40)

South & East faces (H/-)

PHOTO: JEAN

Esau 6/80 from 4



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Wason Dixon west line stone #38 (40)

VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST

Site at Salt Lake & Cave Roads

PHOTO:

JAN.

Ewing

6/80 (frame #8)

Site from NW



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Mason & Dixon west line stone #38(40)

NW corner (P/-)

PHOTO: YEAN
Ewing 6/80 frame #7



Loop of the P in Pennsylvania
barely visible

HA 524

7 8 7 0

Mason-Dixon stn #38

JSZ Dec 70



HA 524

M for Maryland barely
visible.

7788 7768

Mason Dixon Stone #38

JSS Dec 70



in setting - beside
Road

7 8 7 8

Mason Dixon Stn 38

HA 524

52 December '70